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SUBJECT: ARAUCA STRIPPED OF CONTROL OVER ROYALTIES

REF: A. BOGOTA 00025
B. BOGOTA 00002

CLASSIFIED BY: AMBASSADOR ANNE W. PATTERSON FOR REASONS:
1.5(B), (D)

1. (U) ON JANUARY 28, THE NATIONAL ROYALTIES COMMISSION
VOTED 8-4 TO STRIP THE GOVERNMENT OF ARAUCA DEPARTMENT OF
CONTROL OVER OIL ROYALTIES. ROYALTIES ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 90
PERCENT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET. A TRUSTEE WILL BE

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APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT ALVARO URIBE. THE DECISION WAS BASED ON ACCOUNTING IRREGULARITIES DATING FROM 2000. THIS IS A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN RESTORING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ARAUCA AND TO THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

2. (C) ON JANUARY 27, MINISTER OF DEFENSE MARTA LUCIA RAMIREZ DENOUNCED THE DIVERSION OF ROYALTIES TO SUPPORT THE ELN AND FARC GUERRILLAS. THEFT OF OIL ROYALTIES HAS A LONG HISTORY IN ARAUCA DEPARTMENT (REFTEL A).

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